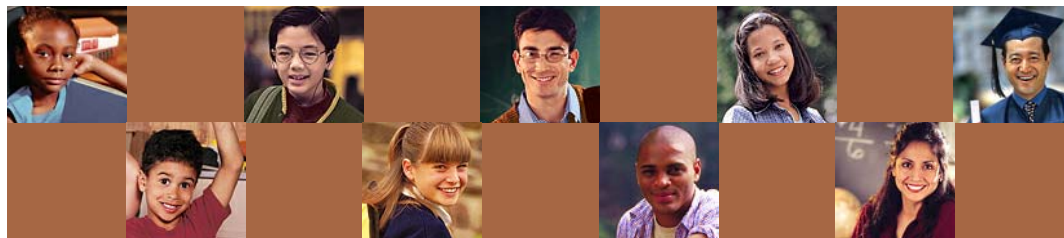


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## INDICATOR 38

### Expenditures in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools by Expenditure Category

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# Financing for Elementary and Secondary Education

## Expenditures in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools by Expenditure Category

*Expenditures per student rose 24 percent in constant dollars from 1989–90 to 2001–02, with capital expenditures increasing the fastest.*

This indicator examines expenditures per student in fall enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, in constant dollars, by major expenditure category and region, between 1989–90 and 2001–02. Total expenditures per student include all expenditures allocable to per student costs divided by fall enrollment. Total expenditures consist of current expenditures (instruction, administration, operation and maintenance, and some components of other expenditures), capital expenditures (capital outlays plus interest), and the remaining components of other expenditures.

Total expenditures per student in constant dollars rose 24 percent from \$7,365 in 1989–90 to \$9,139 in 2001–02. This increase in total expenditures was not evenly distributed among the major categories of expenditures (see supplemental table 38-1). Among the five major categories of expenditures, spend-

ing on capital outlays plus interest increased the most between these years (70 percent). In contrast, instructional expenditures increased 21 percent.

In 2001–02, 52 percent of the \$9,139 spent on students in public elementary and secondary schools went toward instructional expenditures such as teacher salaries and benefits (see supplemental table 38-2). About 14 percent went toward capital expenditures, 8 percent toward operation and maintenance, 7 percent toward administration, and 20 percent toward other items, including transportation, food services, and student support. Looking at total expenditures per student by region in 2001–02 reveals that expenditures per student were greatest in the Northeast, followed by the Midwest, West, and South. This regional pattern held true for each of the major expenditure categories except capital expenditures, which were highest in the Midwest.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Expenditures have been adjusted for the effects of inflation using the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and are in constant 2001–02 dollars. See supplemental note 9 for information about this index and about classifications of expenditures for elementary and secondary education. See supplemental note 1 for information on regional categorizations.

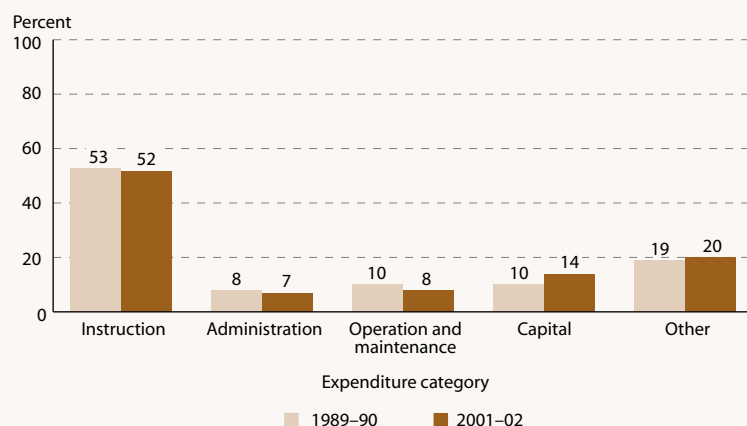
SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "National Public Education Financial Survey," 1989–90 to 2001–02.



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**EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY: Percentage distribution of total expenditures in public elementary and secondary schools, by expenditure category: 1989–90 and 2001–02**



## Expenditures in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools by Expenditure Category

**Table 38-1. Total expenditures per student in fall enrollment in public elementary and secondary schools, by region and expenditure category: Selected years, 1989–90 to 2001–02**

[In constant 2001–02 dollars]							
Region and expenditure category	1989–90	1991–92	1993–94	1995–96	1997–98	1999–2000	2001–02
<b>United States</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$7,365</b>	<b>\$7,392</b>	<b>\$7,438</b>	<b>\$7,553</b>	<b>\$7,985</b>	<b>\$8,577</b>	<b>\$9,139</b>
Instruction	3,930	3,940	3,971	4,051	4,216	4,492	4,755
Administration	566	562	544	533	526	563	594
Operation and maintenance	701	671	669	662	668	701	731
Capital	746	780	815	870	1,050	1,179	1,268
Other	1,421	1,439	1,439	1,438	1,525	1,642	1,791
<b>Northeast</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>9,927</b>	<b>9,885</b>	<b>10,059</b>	<b>10,139</b>	<b>10,517</b>	<b>10,972</b>	<b>11,837</b>
Instruction	5,750	5,738	5,847	5,915	5,976	6,252	6,684
Administration	805	794	718	663	648	687	729
Operation and maintenance	962	909	911	885	862	908	952
Capital	573	594	720	838	1,126	1,083	1,203
Other	1,837	1,849	1,862	1,837	1,903	2,042	2,270
<b>Midwest</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>7,231</b>	<b>7,483</b>	<b>7,543</b>	<b>7,734</b>	<b>8,246</b>	<b>8,941</b>	<b>9,573</b>
Instruction	3,812	3,906	3,977	4,058	4,222	4,530	4,744
Administration	544	547	557	554	568	635	673
Operation and maintenance	705	683	676	676	686	734	755
Capital	727	781	790	917	1,152	1,268	1,470
Other	1,443	1,566	1,544	1,530	1,617	1,775	1,931
<b>South</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>6,538</b>	<b>6,720</b>	<b>7,072</b>	<b>7,724</b>	<b>8,055</b>
Instruction	3,353	3,349	3,375	3,508	3,688	3,948	4,138
Administration	491	488	487	485	463	498	516
Operation and maintenance	570	570	587	586	595	624	643
Capital	811	844	835	870	965	1,176	1,209
Other	1,236	1,229	1,254	1,272	1,361	1,478	1,548
<b>West</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>6,920</b>	<b>6,796</b>	<b>6,723</b>	<b>6,693</b>	<b>7,229</b>	<b>7,751</b>	<b>8,416</b>
Instruction	3,536	3,508	3,452	3,463	3,701	3,980	4,302
Administration	520	513	485	487	493	502	541
Operation and maintenance	701	634	606	595	614	632	682
Capital	801	824	886	846	1,020	1,169	1,212
Other	1,363	1,316	1,294	1,301	1,401	1,468	1,679

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. Expenditures are in constant 2001–02 dollars, adjusted using the Consumer Price Index (CPI). See *supplemental note 9* for information about this index and about classifications of expenditures for elementary and secondary education. See *supplemental note 1* for information on regional categorizations. See *supplemental note 3* for more information about the Common Core of Data (CCD).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "National Public Education Financial Survey," 1989–90 to 2001–02.

## Expenditures in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools by Expenditure Category

**Table 38-2. Percentage distribution in total expenditures in public elementary and secondary schools, by region and expenditure category: Selected years, 1989–90 to 2001–02**

Region and expenditure category	1989–90	1991–92	1993–94	1995–96	1997–98	1999–2000	2001–02
<b>United States</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Instruction	53	53	53	54	53	52	52
Administration	8	8	7	7	7	7	7
Operation and maintenance	10	9	9	9	8	8	8
Capital	10	11	11	12	13	14	14
Other	19	19	19	19	19	19	20
<b>Northeast</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Instruction	58	58	58	58	57	57	56
Administration	8	8	7	7	6	6	6
Operation and maintenance	10	9	9	9	8	8	8
Capital	6	6	7	8	11	10	10
Other	19	19	19	18	18	19	19
<b>Midwest</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Instruction	53	52	53	52	51	51	50
Administration	8	7	7	7	7	7	7
Operation and maintenance	10	9	9	9	8	8	8
Capital	10	10	10	12	14	14	15
Other	20	21	20	20	20	20	20
<b>South</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Instruction	52	52	52	52	52	51	51
Administration	8	8	7	7	7	6	6
Operation and maintenance	9	9	9	9	8	8	8
Capital	13	13	13	13	14	15	15
Other	19	19	19	19	19	19	19
<b>West</b>							
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Instruction	51	52	51	52	51	51	51
Administration	8	8	7	7	7	6	6
Operation and maintenance	10	9	9	9	8	8	8
Capital	12	12	13	13	14	15	14
Other	20	19	19	19	19	19	20

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals because of rounding. *Supplemental note 1* identifies the states in each region. See *supplemental note 9* for information about classifications of expenditures for elementary and secondary education. See *supplemental note 3* for more information about the Common Core of Data (CCD).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Common Core of Data (CCD), "National Public Education Financial Survey," 1989–90 to 2001–02.